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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S REMARKS AT COPENHAGEN PRESS CONFERENCE
Q'S AND A'S.

FOLLOWING IS TRANSCRIPT OF PRESS CONFERENCE WITH
SECRETARY AND PRIME MINISTER ANKER JORGENSEN:

PRIME MINISTER: I WILL START THIS LITTLE PRESS BRIEFING
TO SAY IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE FOR US TO HAVE MR. KISSINGER
HERE IN A TOO SHORT STAY, BUT WE ARE WELL SATISFIED BECAUSE
MR. KISSINGER HAS TIME FOR IT. I THINK THE BEST WE CAN
DO IS TO GIVE THE WORD TO MR. KISSINGER AND HE CAN TELL YOU
SOMETHING (EMPHASIS) ABOUT THE PROBLEMS WE HAVE DISCUSSED.

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SECRETARY: MR. PRIME MINISTER AND MR. FOREIGN MINISTER.
FIRST OF ALL I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION AND
ALSO ON BEHALF OF ALL MY COLLEAGUES FOR THE VERY WARM AND

FRIENDLY RECEPTION WE HAVE HAD HERE. I HAVE READ SOME OF OF THE SPECULATIONS IN THE DANISH PRESS ABOUT THE REASON FOR MY VISIT HERE AND I WISH I WERE AS COMPLICATED AND PROFOUND AS THE NEWSPAPERS GIVE ME CREDIT FOR. THIS MEETING CAME ABOUT BECAUSE THE PRIME MINISTER VISITED US IN WASHINGTON IN NOVEMBER. HE SUGGESTED THAT ON MY NEXT VISIT THROUGH COPENHAGEN, ON THE WAY SOMEWHERE, I SHOULD SPEND SOME TIME, COME INTO TOWN AND CONTINUE THE VERY GOOD EXCHANGE THAT HE AND I HAD AND HE AND THE PRESIDENT HVE HAD ON THE OCCASION OF HIS VISIT. IT IS PURE COINCIDENCE THAT I AM HERE THE DAY AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN SOCIALIST PARTIES. THE PRIME MINISTER, THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND OUR GOVERNMENT HAVE HAD THE CLOSEST CONSULTATIONS ON A WHOLE RANGE OF THE SUBJECTS OF COMMON INTEREST. AND IT IS IN THE NATURE NOW OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICS THAT THERE ARE NO LONGER PURELY BILATERAL ISSUES. THE PEACE OF THE WORLD IS OF GREAT CONSEQUENCE FOR A COUNTRY LIKE DENMARK. THIS IS WHY TODAY WE DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING ISSUES. WE DISCUSSED EAST-WEST RELATIONS AND WHAT WE EYPECT TO ACHIEVE ON THE TRIP TO MOSCOW. WE DISCUSSED THE SITUATION IN AFRICA, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON THE PROBLEM OF ANGOLA. WE DISCUSSED THE FUTURE EVOLUTION OF THE EUOPEAN COMMUNITY AND I THINK WE AGREE THAT THE RELATIONS BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES ARE EXTREMELY GOOD AT THIS MOMENT. CONSULATIONS BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES ARE CLOSE. I EXPRESSED THE AMERICAN POSITION THAT WE FAVOR EUROPEAN UNITY, WE WILL DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO ENCOURAGE IT SO ULTIMATELY IT IS FOR THE EUOPEANS TO ACHIEVE. I EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION TO THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER FOR THE VERY CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE THAT DENMARK HAS PLAYED BOTH IN ACHIEVING EUROPEAN UNITY AND IN ENCOURAGING THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES. FINALLY, AND IT IS THE LAST TOPIC AND THE ONE THAT DID NOT TAKE MOST OF THE TIME, THE PRIME MINISTER GAVE ME AN ACCOUNT OF THE MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN SOCIALISTS PARTIES, AND WE EXCHANGED IDEAS ON SOME OF THE PROBLEMS THAT EMERGED OUT OF THIS MEETING. AND I WANT TO MAKE CLEAR THAT IF THE MEETING HAD NOT TAKEN PLACE, I WOULD STILL HAVE VISITED HERE AND THAT

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THE SUBJECTS WE HAD TO DICSUSS HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH MEETINGS OF EUROPEAN POLITICAL PARTIES, BUT WITH WORLD PEACE, ATLANTIC COOPERATION, EUROPEAN EVOLUTION AND WITH THIS PERHAPS, MR. PRIME MINISTER, WE SHOULD ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS.

Q. (DANISH TELEVISION): MR. SECRETARY, ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH THE SOCIALIST PARTIES' DECISION TO LEAVE IT TO EACH NATO COUNTRY WHETHER OR NOT THEY WANT COMMUNISTS IN THEIR GOVERNMENT?

SECRETARY: THE DOMESTIC EVOLUTION OF EUROPEAN COUNTRIES HAS

TO BE FOR EACH EUROPEAN COUNTRY ITSELF TO DETERMINE. ON THE OTHER HAND, WHEN WE ARE ASKED FOR OUR OPINION, WE GIVE OUR VIEWS AND WE WILL NOT FALSIFY OUR VIEWS. OUR VIEW IS THAT THE PARTICIPATION OF COMMUNIST PARTIES IN EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS WILL HAVE CONSEQUENCES FOR NATO, WILL HAVE CONSEQUENCES FOR INTERNATIONAL POLITICS IN GENERAL. HAVING SAID THAT, I AGREE THAT IT IS UP TO EACH GOVERNMENT TO DECIDE FOR ITSELF HOW TO PROCEED.

Q. CAN YOU SEE A REASON THAT THE FIRST STEPS FOR PEACE YOU MADE IN THE MIDDLE EAST CAN BE DAMAGED BY THE WAR NOW IN LEBANON?

SECRETARY: THE QUESTION IS, WHETHER I BELIEVE THAT THE STEPS TOWARDS PEACE THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN THE MIDDLE EAST COULD BE JEOPARDIZED BY THE WAR THAT IS NOW FIGHTING, THE CONFLICT IN LEBANON. OF COURSE, THE CONFLICT IN LEBANON IS A TRAGEDY FOR THE COUNTRY AND FOR THE COMMUNITY THAT LIVES IN LEBANON. SECONDLY, IT HAS THE POTENTIAL OF DRAWING IN OUTSIDE POWERS AND THEREFORE IT COULD JEOPARDIZE ALL THAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED IN RECENT YEARS. THE UNITED STATES HAS WARNED ALL THE INTERESTED PARTIES, AND I WANT TO REPEAT IT HERE, AGAINST ANY UNILATERAL ACT THAT COULD LEAD TO AN EXPANSION OF THE CONFLICT IN LEBANON TO WIDER AREAS, AND THE UNITED STATES WILL OPPOSE ANY UNILATERAL ACT BY ANY COUNTRY THAT WOULD LEAD TO AN EXPANSION OF HOSTILITIES. FURTHER THAN THIS, WE BELIEVE, THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAS AN OBLIGATION TO END THE KILLING THAT IS GOING ON IN LEBANON AND TO USE ITS MEDIATING EFFORTS TO PERMIT BOTH COMMUNITIES TO COEXIST IN PEACE AS THEY HAVE
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FOR SO MANY DECADES AND TO PUT AN END TO THE CIVIL STRIFE THAT NOW GOES ON.

Q. DR. KISSINGER, THERE ARE RUMORS THAT YOU ARE CONTEMPLATING TAKING UP THE STEP-BY-STEP DIPLOMACY IN THE MIDDLE EAST AGAIN.

SECRETARY: WELL, NOT BEFORE I HAVE RESTORED MY SANITY FROM THE LAST (LAUGHTER....)

Q. ARE YOU GOING TO DISCUSS THE MIDEAST SITUATION WITH THE RUSSIAN...WITH THE SOVIET LEADERS AS FOR THE SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING IN THOSE DAYS?

SECRETARY: WE WILL...NO DOUBT THE QUESTION OF THE MIDDLE EAST WILL COME UP, BUT THE POSSIBILITY OF COOPERATION IN POLITICAL FIELDS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION IS COMPLICATED BY THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA.

Q. DR. KISSINGER, DO YOU HAVE.....

PRIME MINISTER: JUST A MOMENT, JUST A MOMENT.

Q. IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS QUARTERLY, MR. PAUL NITZE IS WRITING THE UNITED STATES IS MOVING TOWARDS

THE POSTURE OF THE MINIMUM DETERRENT IN WHICH WE, THAT IS, THE UNITED STATES, WOULD BE CONCEDED TO THE SOVIET UNION THE POTENTIAL FOR MILITARY AND POLITICAL VICTORY IF DETERRANCE FAILS. HAVE YOU ANY COMMENTS ON THAT STATEMENT?

SECRETARY: I TOTALLY DISAGREE WITH THIS. THE UNITED STATES HAS MAINTAINED VERY LARGE STRATEGIC FORCES AND WILL NEVER CONCEDE TO THE SOVIET UNION THE POSSIBILITIES OF MILITARY VICTORY. BUT, WHAT HAS TO BE ACCEPTED IS THE FACT THAT WITH THE MULTIPLICATION OF STRATEGIC FORCES ON BOTH SIDES, THE LIMIT OF WHAT CAN BE STRATEGICALLY SIGNIFICANT IS THAT IT WILL INEVITABLY BE REACHED. THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT YOU CANNOT DO ADDITIONAL DAMAGE, BUT IT MEANS THAT AT A CERTAIN LEVEL OF CASUALTIES THAT YOU HAVE HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF CASUALTIES ON BOTH SIDES. ADDITIONAL INCREMENTS WILL NOT MAKE A SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL DIFFERENCE AND THEREFORE IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT WE MUST MAINTAIN THE STRATEGIC BALANCE. WE WILL NEVER CONCEDE STRATEGIC SUPERIORITY TO THE SOVIET UNION, BUT WE MUST ALSO ATTEMPT TO LIMIT THE ARMS RACE IN STRATEGIC NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND THIS IS NECESSARY NOT ONLY FOR THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION, BUT FOR THE WORLD AT LARGE. THIS IS THE REASON I AM GOING TO MOSCOW. IT IS ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT BECAUSE WE HAVE TO STRENGTHEN

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OTHER FORCES WITHIN THE STRATEGIC NUCLEAR (INAUDIBLE)
Q. (INAUDIBLE, ON TRADE LIBERALIZATION POLICIES AND PROTECTIONIST MEASURES OR PRESSURES IN THE UNITED STATES.).

SECRETARY: THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS NOT ALWAYS UNANIMOUS BEFORE IT TAKES DECISIONS, BUT THE POLICIES THAT I HAVE OUTLINED ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATION IN SEPTEMBER (INAUDIBLE). SECONDLY, IN TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WE WILL DO WHAT WE HOPE WILL BE CONSIDERED LIBERAL AND PROGRESSIVE POLICIES BASED ON OUR CONVICTIONS THAT THE GLOBAL ECONOMY HAS BECOME INTERDEPENDENT; THAT NO NATION CAN SURVIVE BY PURSUING ITS OWN NARROW NATIONAL INTERESTS.

Q. (VALERIANI-NBC) MR. SECRETARY, WHEN YOU SAID THAT SINCE YOUR VISIT TO MOSCOW WILL BE COMPLICATED BY THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA, WHAT CARDS DO YOU HAVE TO PLAY?

SECRETARY: I POINTED OUT BEFORE I LEFT THAT BOTH SUPER POWERS HAVE THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TO CONDUCT THEMSELVES WITH RESTRAINT IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD. THE GAINS THEY CAN MAKE IN ONE PLACE WILL SURELY BE OFFSET BY GAINS THE OTHER COUNTRY MAKES SOME OTHER PLACE, BUT THAT A POLICY OF OFFSETTING GAINS WILL LEAD TO THE TRADITIONAL CONFLICTS THAT HAVE ALWAYS LED TO THE RISK OF WARS AND THIS IS WHAT ALL FARSIGHTED STATESMEN NOW HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO AVOID. IT IS IN THIS SPIRIT THAT WE WILL ATTEMPT TO CONDUCT OUR DISCUSSIONS IN MOSCOW.

PRIME MINISTER: AND NOW THE LAST QUESTION.

Q. MR SECRETARY, WITH ANGOLA AND WITH COMPLAINTS ABOUT CONTINUOUS SOVIET MILITARY BUILDUP, WHICH OPTIMISTIC SIGNS BRING YOU TO MOSCOW NOW.?

SECRETARY: I AM GOING TO MOSCOW BECAUSE THE NECESSITIES OF WORLD PEACE ARE NOT AFFECTED BY OUR ELECTORAL PROCESS OR BY THE DAY TO DAY CHANGES IN POLITICS. THE SOVIET MILITARY BUILDUP IS PARTLY A RESULT OF THE GROWTH OF SOVIET INDUSTRY AND THE GROWTH OF SOVIET TECHNOLOGY AND IT IS WELL WITHIN OUR CAPABILITIES TO MATCH IT AND WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO MAKE SURE THAT THE SOVIET UNION DOES NOT GAIN A MILITARY ADVANTAGE AND WE WILL DO OUR UTMOST TO PREVENT IT. I AM GOING TO MOSCOW IN AN ATTEMPT TO KEEP OPEN THE OPTIONS FOR
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MORE PEACEFUL FUTURE AND THAT IS AN OBLIGATION ANY NATIONAL LEADER HAS AT THIS MOMENT.
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